

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed Office Action of 03/10/2005. The submissions made by the Examiner in the Office Action have carefully been considered. In response, amendments have been introduced to the claims to emphasize the distinguishing features of the invention.

Information Disclosure Statement

In view of the Examiner's objections to the filed information disclosure statement (IDS), please find enclosed with this communication a copy of reference FR 2604120. It is further submitted that the reference is relevant to the present invention since it is within the technical field of the invention. Indeed, as indicated by the English translation of the abstract, the patent relates to a printing and cutting device for manufacturing wallpaper. In view of this submission, the Applicant trusts that the IDS filed 01/21/2004 is now in order and will be considered by the Examiner in full.

Specification

In response to the Examiner's comments in this section appropriate amendments have been introduced to the text on page 38 of the specification. As the Examiner will note, the numeral 320 has been amended to indicate the area in the vicinity of the printhead, instead of the printhead itself, which is indicated by the numeral 500.

Claim Objection

Claims 1, 31, 20 and 32 have been amended to remove the deficiencies referred to by the Examiner. Claims 38-43 and claim 49 have also been redrafted into method-type claims. It is submitted that the respective methods defined now by the amended claims 38-43 and 49 are closely associated with the printer claimed by the rest of the claims and share its inventive features.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 7, 12, 17 and 44 of the present application as being anticipated by the disclosure in Martin (US 2002/0171692 A1). Most of the other claims are also rejected by the Examiner as lacking inventive step in view of Martin when in various combinations with Sandhoo (DE29908649), Schondienst et al. (US 5302037), Kwasny et al. (US 2002/0118990), Lem et al. (2003/0116747) and Mizoguchi et al. (JP 2000-248217).

In response, the Applicant has amended claim 1 by introducing a feature that was previously defined in claim 11. In particular the amendment emphasizes the feature that the claimed printer includes a "*pagewidth color inkjet type printhead*". A person skilled in the art will appreciate the higher efficiency and speed brought to the claimed system by this feature, especially within the context of printing wallpaper.

None of the documents cited by the Examiner discloses or even suggests wide format printhead. Accordingly, a person skilled in the art, apprised with those documents, will not

be directed to the present invention as a matter of routine. Thus, the amended claim 1 is both novel and inventive in view of the cited documents, when considered separately or in combination. It is further submitted that claims 2 to 49 are also novel and inventive by virtue of their dependency on claim 1.

Allowable subject matter

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his helpful comments in this section.

In light of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

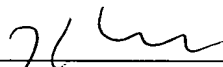
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